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Sir:

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This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a final action under §1.113. Accordingly, please charge Deposit Account No. 16-2230 for the \$240 fee for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is enclosed herewith.

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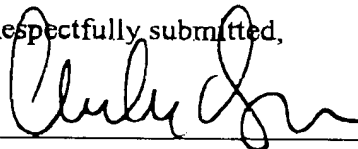


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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialled by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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